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Examiner: Ramesh B. Patel
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Your Non-Final Office Action of June 17, 1998 is hereby acknowledged. As of the date of this reply, the Present Application is in a state of abandonment at the USPTO. However, a petition for revival of this application based upon its unintentional abandonment by the Applicant has been submitted concurrently with this reply.

CROSS REFERENCE TO SUBSEQUENT APPLICATION

By way of full disclosure, the Applicant wishes to refer to Provisional Application Serial No. 60/481,421 filed by the Applicant on September 25, 2003 and its Non-Provisional counterpart Serial No. 10/950,942 filed on September 27, 2004. The non-provisional application was published as US 2005/0128100 A1 on June 16, 2005. At the time of filing, these patent applications were virtually identical to the Present Application.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The drawings associated with the Present Application appear to be crudely drawn with many handwritten notations. At this time, the Applicant submits formal drawings to replace sheets 1-19 in the present drawing set.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In your Office Action, the Examiner rejected all pending claims 1-6. However, in a subsequent interview with the Applicant appearing *pro se*, the Examiner suggested changes that would place the Present Application into a state of allowance. The Applicant respectfully declines adoption of these suggestions, and hereby cancels claims 1-6. In their place, the Applicant submits new claims 7-18 for examination. The Applicant respectfully requests that the Present Application be allowed based upon the newly submitted claims.

APPLICANT'S ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE A COMPLETE RESPONSE

By submitting this reply to your Office Action, the Applicant has made a good faith effort to respond to every ground of rejection and objection put forth by the Examiner. However, should this reply be deficient in any respect, the Applicant would appreciate the courtesy of an Advisory Office Action that would permit him to correct any deficiency.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Respectfully submitted,



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